



Come to the 8th Annual State Youth Court Conference

Youth Courts - Making a difference in our community

in St. George Utah, June 22-25, 2005

and you can...

- ***Celebrate*** the amazing work being done...
- ***Connect*** with your peers in other communities across the state...
- ***Inspire*** others with your own success stories...
- ***Build*** on individual leadership skills...
- ***Learn*** new ways to take action in your community every day...
- ***Participate*** in a local service project that will benefit our host city...

Youth Courts are REAL Courts

You will impact the life of the youth who come before you!

Serve with Purpose and Passion!

The Conference Experience

Today, more than ever, there are no limits to what youth can achieve, especially when they are equipped with the right tools, the right plan, the right support and the right attitude. The State Youth Court Conference purpose is to provide activities, and break-out sessions that will help the individual volunteer build leadership skills that can be used inside and outside of the courtroom..

Youth court volunteers are an example to their peers every day. They can change the actions of others simply by their own actions, their words and what they are willing to stand up for. The conference will also help participants to identify issues in their community, whether that community be at school, home, youth court, in their neighborhood, or in the community at large, and learn ways they can make positive changes that will address the issues they have identified.

Conference Highlights:

Opening Session:

- ◆ Youth Session: -Diversity Awareness with “Improv”
- ◆ Advisor Session: Highlights of the National Youth Court Center’s 1st Professional Development Institute -including a discussion on starting a statewide association.

Break-out Sessions with Special Guest Presenters:

- ◆ *“Taking the Bully by the Horns”* Surveys show 77% of youth are bullied. It’s time to do something. Dr. Jay Carter, author of *Nasty People*, licensed psychologist and national speaker, will teach what is a bully, how are bullies made, what can bullies do to stop being a bully, what can victims do, and what can bystanders do. Where ever Dr. Carter speaks, people love him, he is warm, caring, funny, charming and passionate about helping youth.
- ◆ *MADD “Let’s Get Serious about Youth Alcohol Use”* The cost of underage drinking in America is over \$52.8 billion a year -and that is just a small part of the price we pay. More than 40% of all traffic fatalities in the US are alcohol related, an average of 1 death every 30 minutes. In 2004 1,296 kids age 15-20 were arrested for DUI. About 33% of youth pedestrians killed when hit by a car were legally drunk. 31% of teen drivers killed in motor crashes in 2003 had been drinking -7,693 youth 16-20 years old nationally. Alcohol harms a teens brain and contributes to other poor social choices (unprotected sex, rape, suicide, violence, etc). It is within your power to lower these stats and make a difference in your community -Be an example and teach others to say no to alcohol!
- ◆ *Youth Crime Watch & Youth Courts* Youth Crime Watch is about being aware of what is going on around you and making a stand for making good choices. How can you use the tools, resources, and concepts of Youth Crime Watch to strengthen your youth court.

Other Great Break-out Sessions Planned (agenda may change):

- ◆ Victim Involvement: Strengthening your program’s Restorative Justice component
- ◆ Mock Hearings on Truancy: Practice other models & discuss differences and similarities.
- ◆ Communication & Questioning skills to get information to provide an effective disposition
- ◆ Juvenile Court Progression: What happens in Juvenile Court & how is youth court different
- ◆ Youth Empowerment / Youth Involvement -Ethics & Etiquette inside & outside the courtroom

State Attorney General, Mark Shurtleff will be our honored Banquet key note speaker!
Followed by a dance in the parking lot with an awesome DJ